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HBSUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice in favor of the following new claims 8-21:

--8. A method for treating a bone resorption-associated disease comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a selective iNOS inhibitor.

--9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bone resorption-associated disease is osteoporosis.

--10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the selective iNOS inhibitor is used as a bone mass-maintenance drug.

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